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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and France have signed two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) on higher education recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an agreement has been reached between the two countries to carry forward the 2009 `Plan of Action` for IIT, Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The following two MOUs were signed on 6th December, 2010 between Higher Education Institutions of India and France:

(i) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between INSTITUT DE RECHERCHE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT (France) and the INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, Bangalore (India) for setting up a research and training partnership structure in the form of a Joint International Laboratory called Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences (IFCWS).

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between The Indian Institutes of Technology, India and ParisTech − Paris Institute of Science and Technology, Paris, France for Academic Collaboration

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. During the visit of French President to India in December 2010, a Joint Statement was issued on 6th December, 2010 mentioning that France and India will collaborate in the creation of a centre of excellence in the Indian Institute of Technology, Rajasthan.